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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi SUMIDA et al.

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MANGANESE DIOXIDE FOR LITHIUM PRIMARY BATTERY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, cancel "or 2".

Add the following new claim:

--6. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 2 as a cathode active material.

Respectfully submitted,

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